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SCHENECTADY COUNTY COURTHOUSE CONDENSATE DRAIN

ADDENDUM #3

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The purpose of this addendum is to provide detailed information to all Bidders. This addendum is hereby included in and made part of the Contract Documents, whether or not attached thereto. Receipt of this Addendum must be acknowledged on the bid form.

CONTENTS/RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS/REFERENCE TO ATTACHMENTS

Question #1: Are imported fittings acceptable or do you require made in the USA?

Response: No requirement for made in the USA

Question #2: If places where Ductile Iron fittings cannot be found, would you accept Cast Iron?

Response: There are no ductile iron fittings in the project

Question #3: We would not be able to attend a pre-bid walkthrough because we are in NYC and making the trip to Schenectady for a supply contact would not be feasible for us. Is that ok?

Response: Walk-through not require but highly encouraged.

Question #4: We cannot find anyone who makes a 2" 250# XH DI Flanged 90. Are there any alternatives you would accept, or should we no-bid that item?

Response: There is no ductile iron in this project

Question #5: Currently, the specifications do not show any mechanical insulation requirements for the condensate piping on the project less the minor patching of existing insulation as detailed in Detail 3 on drawing P-001.

Response: Correct

Question #6: It is also unclear from the current drawings if the ceiling spaces are return air plenums. There is reference to this in Detail 2 on drawing P-001, but unclear anywhere else on the drawings. Specification Section 221010, Exhibit A, Note 1 states that "PVC piping shall not be installed within return air plenums".



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Response: There are no return air plenums where the condensate drain piping work is being done.

Question #7: Does any portion of this condensate piping system require thermal insulation, or some type of plenum wrap similar to 3M Fire Barrier Plenum Wrap 5A (attached)?

Response: No 3M fire barrier plenum wrap is needed.

Question #8: Currently, the specifications do not show any mechanical insulation requirements for the condensate piping on the project less the minor patching of existing insulation as detailed in Detail 3 on drawing P-001.

Response: Your statement is correct.

Question #9: It is also unclear from the current drawings if the ceiling spaces are return air plenums. There is reference to this in Detail 2 on drawing P-001, but unclear anywhere else on the drawings. Specification Section 221010, Exhibit A, Note 1 states that "PVC piping shall not be installed within return air plenums".

Response: There are no return air plenums where the condensate drain piping work is being done.

Question #10: Does any portion of this condensate piping system require thermal insulation, or some type of plenum wrap similar to 3M Fire Barrier Plenum Wrap 5A (attached)?

Response: No 3M fire barrier plenum wrap is needed.

Question #11: Please clarify how to bid the Alternate vs Base Bid. Are these 2 totally separate numbers or do you want the rooms that have ceiling tile work and new Condensate piping to be carried in the Plumbing Base Bid?

-Notes 4 and 6 on page P102 can be read as some GC work is in the alternate and some in the Plumbing contract, since they are 2 conflicting notes in the same room.

-How will the Plumbing Contractors be able to access the work space necessary if the Alternate is not accepted?

Response: Base bid is the temporary removal and re-installation of existing ceilings as needed to install piping. Ceilings shall be returned to original condition. The alternate is to replace the entire ceiling in the noted rooms with an acoustical ceiling tile ceiling.



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Question #12: Rooms that already have drop ceilings and will be getting new condensate piping, can we remove/ replace enough ceiling tiles for the plumbing work, or do we need to remove the entire room? Reference page P102 room 232.

Response: The intent is to temporarily remove the ceiling tiles as needed and not remove the grid.

Question #13: Can pictures of Men's / Women's bathroom Room 119 on page P101 be provided. This was inaccessible during the walk through.

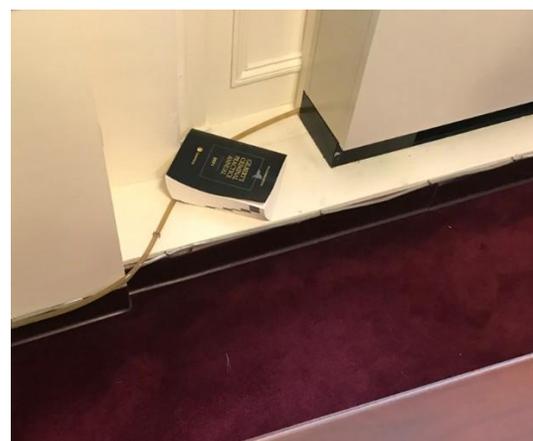
Response: We do not have a picture of the toilet room. The storm pipe you are tying into is in the wall you can not see.

Question #14: Was it intended have include rooms with ceiling tile work and no plumbing work in this contract? Reference Court Room 4 (Room 202) on page P102.

Response: The intent is to only do ceiling work in rooms where you are doing plumbing work. You do not have to do work in Room 202.

Question #15: Can a detail of the necessary work for all the wooden chases be provided. Reference note 3 on P102.

Response: Please see provided pictures of existing wooden chase. New condensate piping will be routed in this chase. Remove portions as required to install piping and reinstall in kind as to match existing. Paint chase color as per by Owner.





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Question #16: For work on this county building is a Master Plumber License required?

Response: Yes

Please acknowledge this addendum on your bid form.

END OF ADDENDUM #3